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Title: LATERAL CONNECTION SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number			
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☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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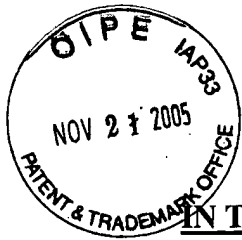
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated October 21, 2005, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5.